



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner called for authorization to make changes to the instant application in order to place it in condition for allowance. Authorization was given to make the following changes.

Replace claim 7 with the following.

7. (currently amended) The MNRI detectable species of claim 1 wherein the spacer S, if present, is a homo- or hetero-bifunctional linker where the two reactive moieties are separated by alkylidene, alkenylidene, alkynylidene, cycloalkylidene arylidene, or aralkylidene radical that is optionally substituted and is optionally interrupted by heteroatoms.

Replace claim 8 with the following.

8. (currently amended) The MRI detectable species of claim 7, wherein the reactive moieties are selected from -OR, -SR, -NRR1, -COOR, -CONRR1 wherein R and R1 are hydrogen atoms, or an aliphatic, straight or a branched chain that is optionally interrupted by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -NR-, -CS-, or by aromatic rings.

Replace claim 9 with the following.

9. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of the MRI detectable species of claim 1, said process comprising:

either conjugating the spacer, S, if present, with the nutrient or pseudo-nutrient molecule N and the MRI detectable moiety D;

or conjugating the MRI detectable moiety D with the spacer S, if present, and the nutrient or pseudo-nutrient molecule N.

Cancel claim 11.

Cancel claim 12.

Replace claim 17 with the following.

17. (currently amended) A method of imaging organs, tissues, or combinations thereof comprising administering a composition comprising the MRI detectable species of any one of claims 1 to 5 and imaging the organs, tissues, or combinations thereof using nuclear magnetic resonance.

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